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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/590,221	Applicant(s) OGATA, NOBUO	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed on 3/28/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 6/8/2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

*A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.*

2. Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fuji (U.S. Patent 5,852,599).

Fuji teaches a recording medium having all the elements and means as recited in claims 6-8. For example, Fuji teaches the following:

(a) as in claim 6, the recording medium 1 provided with a first track area 9 where one side wall has a land 4' wobbled (Fig. 1);

(b) as in claim 6, a second track area 3 adjacent the first track area 9 (Fig. 1);

(c) as in claim 6, the other side wall 8 at a non-wobbled side in the first track 9 has a land 4 wobbled (Fig. 1);

(d) as in claim 6, the recording medium 1 has an adjusting area 5 showing a correspondence of a wobbling

polarity to a track area (Figs. 5a and 5b; column 13, lines 50-61);

(e) as in claim 7, different widths are given to the first track area 9 and second track area 3 in the adjusting area 5 (Fig. 1; widths of tracks 9 and 3 at position 5 are different); and

(f) as in claim 8, in case that the recording medium 1 is a disk, the adjusting area 5 is provided in at least one of innermost and outermost areas of the disk (Fig. 1; adjusting area 5 exists in the inner track and the outer track).

3. Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fuji (U.S. Patent 5,852,599).

Fuji teaches a recording medium having all the elements and means as recited in claims 9-11. For example, Fuji teaches the following:

(a) as in claim 9, the recording medium 1 provided with a first track area 3 where one side wall 4 has a wobbling groove 2 (Fig. 1);

(b) as in claim 9, a second track area 9 adjacent the first track area 3 (Fig. 1);

(c) as in claim 9, the other side wall 8 at a non-wobble side in the first track 3 has a wobbling groove 9 (Fig. 1);

(d) as in claim 9, the recording medium 1 has an adjusting area 5 showing a correspondence of a wobbling polarity to a track area (Figs. 5a and 5b; column 13, lines 50-61);

(e) as in claim 10, different widths are given to the first track area 3 and second track area 9 in the adjusting area 5 (Fig. 1; widths of tracks 3 and 9 at position 5 are different); and

(f) as in claim 10, in case that the recording medium 1 is a disk, the adjusting area 5 is provided in at least one of innermost and outermost areas of the disk (Fig. 1; adjusting area 5 exists in the inner track and the outer track).

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